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WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS

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1. THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY
"KABUL TIMES" FRONT-PAGED A LOCAL INTERVIEW WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER HAFAZULLAH AMIN IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED,
INTER ALIA, HIS JUNE 5 MEETING WITH "SANDERS, THE UNDER
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS" (SIC). THE TEXT OF
THAT SECTION DEALING WITH THE SAUNDERS MEETING FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT:

Q. WOULD YOU ELABORATE ON YOUR TALKS WITH SANDERS, THE
UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF THE
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STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES?

A. IN MY HOTEL IN NEW YORK I MET SANDERS, THE UNDER SECRE-
TARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES AT HIS OWN REQUEST. IN THE COURSE OF THIS
MEETING AT SANDER'S REQUEST, PERTINENT INFORMATION WAS GIVEN
HIM ON THE REVOLUTION OF SAUR 7 (APRIL 27) WHICH TOOK PLACE

AT THE ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN, AND ESSENTIAL DIRECTIVES OF NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI, THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN, AND THROUGH THE ARMED UPRISING OF THE HEROIC ARMY OF AFGHANISTAN IN THE LIGHT OF THE DAY, BEGINNING AT 9 A.M. AND ENDING WITH THE RADIO DEVGARATION OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE REVOLUTION AND THE TRIUMPH OF THE REVOLUTION AT 7P.M.

IN THE COURSE OF THE TALKS, OF THE DECISIVE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN, IT WAS NOTED THAT PRIOR TO EVERYTHING ELSE MAJOR ECONOMIC PROJECTS OF THE STATE, LAND REFORMS ALONG WITH CREATION AND EXPANSION OF THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT OF THE PEASANTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AND THAT THE DECISIVE RESOLUTION OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL OF AFGHANISTAN IN THIS REGARD AND OTHER SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE COUNTRY, ORIENTED TOWARDS CONSTRUCTION OF A PROSPEROUS SOCIETY, WITH JUSTICE, AND WITHOUT EXPLOITATION OF HUMAN BEING BY HUMAN BEING WILL BE RESOLUTELY IMPLEMENTED, AND THAT EVERY ACT OF THE REACTIONARY AND ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS WILL BE DEALT WITH CRIPPLING GLOWS.

TODAY, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN, POSSESSING A BRAVE AND HEROIC ARMY, AND ENJOYING FULL SUPPORT AND DECISIVE PROTECTION OF THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN, IS FULLY CONFIDENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(THE) IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS POPULAR DECISIONS. IN CASE THE PROVOCATIONS AND THE INTRIGUES OF ELEMENTS AND REACTIONARY CIRCLES IN THE REGION AND THE WORLD, BE IT IN ANY FORM, TRY TO EXERT INFLUENCE IN AFGHANISTAN, FULL CAPABILITY EXISTS TO OVERCOME

THEM.

IT WAS ALSO CLEARLY EXPLAINED TO SANDERS THAT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN, ON THE BASIS OF THE POLICY APPROVED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, UNRESERVEDLY AND WITH DECISIVENESS SUPPORTS THE POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT, PEACE IN THE REGION AND IN THE WORLD AND IS INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTAINING AND EXPANSION OF FRIENDSHIP WITH ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD THAT SUPPORT THE SAUR REVOLUTION, AND OUR FRIENDSHIP DEPENDS ON THE MEASURE OF THIS SUPPORT AND THE AMOUNT OF AID PROVIDED TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN. END TEXT

2. COMMENT: AMIN'S PUBLIC PRESENTATION UNDERSCORES THE DISTORTION OF REALITY WHICH THE NEW AFGHAN LEADERSHIP IS WONT TO MAKE FOR ITS OWN POLITICAL PURPOSES. IN PARTICULAR, AMIN APPEARS TO BE TRYING TO TELL THE AFGHAN PEOPLE THAT THE NEW REGIME CAN DEAL WITH ANY THREAT FROM ABROAD, INCLUDING FROM

THE UNITED STATES. MOREOVER, AMIN'S ACCOUNT ILLUSTRATES THE MECHANICAL USE OF STANDARD, SOVIET-STYLE JARGON PRINCIPALLY DESIGNED FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION, BUT WHICH ALSO COULD BE AIMED AT OTHER AUDIENCES SUCH AS IN MOWCOW. THE REMAINDER OF AMIN'S INTERVIEW CONSISTED OF REGULAR BOILER PLATE ON ISSUES SUCH AS THE MASS SUPPORT FR THE APRIL 27 REVOLUTION, AND THE DEPTH OF SOVIET-AFGHAN FRIENDSHIP.
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